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Anticipated Classification of this application:

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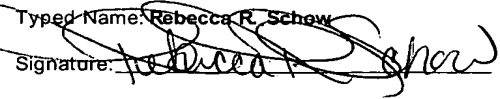
Prior application:

Examiner: FIGUEROA, Felix O.

Art Unit: 2833

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
☒ continuation application of:  
☐ divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 10/192,462 filed July 9, 2002

Title Methods and Devices for Protecting Pins of a Pin Connector

Name of applicant(s) Steven F. Mastoris et al.

Copy of Application

- ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
☐ Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
☐ Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- ☐ Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s);

This is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional  
of copending application number 10/192,462 filed on July 9, 2002,  
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to:

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Other Amendments

- (X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

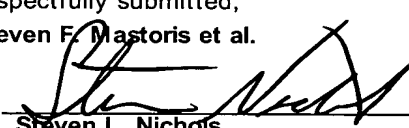
Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	39 — 20	19	X \$18	\$ 342
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8 — 3	5	X \$86	\$ 430
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$290	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$340.00 ); Utility ( \$770.00 )				\$ 770
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 1,542
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 1,542

Charge \$ 1,542 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven F. Mastoris et al.

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